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WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU APPROVES GCI'S REVISED PERFORMANCE PLAN PURSUANT TO THE ALASKA PLAN ORDER

WC Docket No. 16-271

By this Public Notice, the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) approves GCI Communication Corp.'s (GCI) revised performance plan, filed pursuant to the terms set forth in the *Alaska Plan Order*.¹ The approved performance plan is included in the attached Appendix.

The *Alaska Plan Order* requires eligible wireless service providers participating in the Alaska Plan to submit for Bureau approval individual performance plans with their service commitments.² The Bureau approved wireless service providers' initial performance plans in 2016.³ Participants that in their initial plans did not commit to providing 10/1 Mbps LTE for any portion of the population in their service area (because they relied on performance-limiting satellite backhaul to serve that area) must revise their performance commitments when new terrestrial backhaul or new-generation satellite backhaul becomes commercially available in that area.⁴

GCI submitted an updated performance plan pursuant to this requirement to reflect that new microwave backhaul is commercially available to Nuiqsut, Alaska.⁵ GCI's new commitments reflect that it will upgrade the service made available to the population of Nuiqsut

¹ *Connect America Fund et al.*, WC Docket No. 16-271 et al., Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 31 FCC Rcd 10139 (2016) (*Alaska Plan Order*); Letter from Julie A. Veach, Counsel to GCI Communication Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-271, Attach. (filed July 1, 2020) (GCI 2020 Commitments).

² See *Alaska Plan Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 10166-67, para. 85.

³ *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves Performance Plans of the Eight Wireless Providers That Elected to Participate in the Alaska Plan*, WC Docket No. 271, Public Notice, 31 FCC Rcd 13317, Appx. (WTB 2016) (approving GCI's and seven other providers' plans); see also *Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Approves ASTAC's and GCI's Revised Performance Plans Pursuant to the Alaska Plan Order*, WC Docket No. 16-271, Public Notice, 34 FCC Rcd 12183, Appx. (WTB 2019) (approving GCI's and ASTAC's revised plans).

⁴ *Alaska Plan Order*, 31 FCC Rcd at 10172, para. 102.

⁵ Letter from Julie A. Veach, Counsel to GCI Communication Corp., to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket No. 16-271, at 1 (filed July 1, 2020) (GCI July 1, 2020 *Ex Parte*).

from 2G to 4G LTE technology using the new microwave backhaul.⁶ We approve GCI's revised performance plan.

Additional Information. For additional information on this proceeding, contact Matthew Warner of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, Competition and Infrastructure Policy Division, Matthew.Warner@fcc.gov, (202) 418-2419.

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⁶ GCI 2020 Commitments. GCI's performance plan reflects that it will upgrade 402 people—the Nuiqsut population according to 2010 U.S. Census Bureau Data. GCI July 1, 2020 *Ex Parte*; GCI 2020 Commitments.

Appendix

GCI Alaska Plan Performance Commitments - Updated July 1, 2020

Middle Mile Technology Of Transmission (477 Code)	Population Served 2010 Census 12/31/15	% Base Population Served 12/31/15	5 Year Base Population Served	5 Year % Total Population Served	10 Year Total Base Population Served	10 Year % Population Served	Increase/ (Decrease) by Year 10	10 Year Total Population Served - Revised 7/1/20	10 Year % Population Served - Revised 7/1/20	Minimum Expected Download/ Upload Speeds at Edge	Spectrum Codes (477 Code)
Fiber	83 (LTE)	13,455	21%	32,079	50%	69,601	-	69,601	100%	10/1 Mbps	90,91,93,94
	80,81,82(3G)	64,158	68%	25,258	39%	-	-	-	0%	2/0.5 Mbps	90,91,93,94
	85,86 (Voice/2G)	6,821	11%	6,821	11%	-	-	-	0%	<2 Mbps	90,91,93,94
Fiber Total		64,158	100%	64,158	100%	69,601		69,601	100%		
Microwave	83 (LTE)	125	0%	125	0%	42,095	402	42,497	83%	2/8 Mbps	90,91,93,94
	80,81,82(3G)	50,717	59%	41,970	83%	8,622	-	8,622	17%	2/0.5 Mbps	90,91,93,94
	85,86 (Voice/2G)	20,828	41%	8,622	17%	-	-	-	0%	<2 Mbps	90,91,93,94
Microwave Total		50,717	100%	50,717	100%	50,717		51,119	100%		
Satellite	83 (LTE)	-	0%	12,363	50%	8,150	-	8,150	44%	1/256 Mbps	90,91,93,94
	80,81,82(3G)	24,482	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	2/0.5 Mbps	90,91,93,94
	85,86 (Voice/2G)	24,482	100%	12,119	50%	10,889	(402)	10,487	56%	<2 Mbps	90,91,93,94
Satellite Total		24,482	100%	24,482	100%	19,039		18,637	100%		
Total	83 (LTE)	13,580	10%	44,567	32%	119,946	402	120,248	86%		
Total	80,81,82(3G)	73,646	53%	67,228	48%	8,622		8,622	6%		
Total	85,86 (Voice/2G)	52,131	37%	27,562	20%	10,889	(402)	10,487	8%		
Grand Total		139,357	100%	139,357	100%	139,357		139,357	100%		

Note 1: Population per 2010 Census in service area. Excludes population served by AT&T and/or Verizon at 4G LTE using their infrastructure.

Note 2: Percentage of population served at benchmark speeds as of 12/31/15.

Note 3: Year 1 is 2017.

Note 4: 10 year figures reflect commitments as revised on July 1, 2019.